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SUBJECT: MILITARY GRANT ASSISTANCE: US-PANAMA EXCHANGE OF  
NOTES

REF: A. MCOFFEE/TSTEERS-GONZALEZ 3/17 TELCON

[B](#). STATE 56959

[1](#)1. The following US diplomatic note no. 325, dated March 17, 2004, was presented by Embassy to the GOP (text per ref B with changes per ref A). Begin text:

No. 325

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Panama and, referring to an Agreement done by exchange of notes on March 26 and May 23, 1962, at Panama, concerning the furnishing of defense articles and services to Panama for the purpose of contributing to its internal security and an Agreement done by exchange of notes on May 20 and December 6, 1974, at Panama, concerning payment to the United States of net proceeds from the sale of defense articles furnished on a grant basis, proposes that these agreements be amended.

The 1962 Agreement concerning the furnishing of defense articles and services to Panama for the purpose of contributing to its internal security would be amended by inserting ", related training" after "defense articles," wherever mentioned.

The 1974 Agreement concerning payment to the United States of net proceeds from the sale of defense articles furnished on a grant basis would be amended by replacing "under the Military Assistance Program of" with "from" in the third paragraph of the note.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Panama, the Embassy proposes that this note and the Ministry's affirmative note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Panama the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,  
Panama, March 17, 2004.

End text.

[2](#)2. The following Panamanian diplomatic note no. DT/088, dated March 19, 2004, was presented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) to Embassy. Unofficial translation:

DT/088

The Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Panama presents its compliments to the Honorable Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to acknowledge receipt of its Note No. 325, dated March 17, 2004, which reads as follows:

"The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Panama and, referring to an Agreement done by exchange of notes on March 26 and May 23, 1962, at Panama, concerning the furnishing of defense articles and services to Panama for the purpose of contributing to its internal

security and an Agreement done by exchange of notes on May 20 and December 6, 1974, at Panama, concerning payment to the United States of net proceeds from the sale of defense articles furnished on a grant basis, proposes that these agreements be amended.

The 1962 Agreement concerning the furnishing of defense articles and services to Panama for the purpose of contributing to its internal security would be amended by inserting ", related training" after "defense articles," wherever mentioned.

The 1974 Agreement concerning payment to the United States of net proceeds from the sale of defense articles furnished on a grant basis would be amended by replacing "under the Military Assistance Program of" with "from" in the third paragraph of the note.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Panama, the Embassy proposes that this note and the Ministry's affirmative note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Panama the assurances of its highest consideration."

Regarding the same, the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Government of the Republic of Panama has the honor to confirm to the Honorable Embassy of the United States of America that the above proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Panama and that the Honorable Embassy's Note and this Note shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of this Note.

The Ministry of Foreign Relations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Honorable Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Panama, March 19, 2004.

End unofficial translation.

13. Per ref B, the original MFA note together with a certified copy of Embassy's note has been pouched to L/T, attention Daphne Cook or Frank Holleran, unclassified registry no. 16168004. Copies have been faxed to L/PM Mike Coffee and PM/RSAT Berneta Lee at the numbers provided.

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